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2021 MELGES 24 North American Championship Bid – Toronto, Ontario

INTRODUCTION

The National Yacht Club is pleased to submit this bid to host the 2021 North American Championship regatta. As you will read in this brief proposal the club has a long and exciting history in sailboat racing. We look forward to the opportunity to continue this tradition of racing excellence with one of the worlds premiere racing sailboat classes, the Melges 24.

Building on the success of the well attended and very well received 2017 Melges 24 Canadian Championship we propose to hold the North Americans off the Toronto waterfront with tentative dates set for September $15^{th} - 19^{th}$. Toronto's Humber Bay venue is conveniently located off the city's promenade and will provide a unique experience for all participants.

Toronto is located within 12 hours driving distance for Ontario, Quebec, USA North East and Middle West regions with large Melges 24 fleets.

This bid has the full support of the National Yacht Club executive as it aligns well with the club's objectives. The club is well positioned and very capable of running this world class event drawing from the deep experience available to us in our membership.

We hope that you look favourably on this bid. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require any further information.

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WELCOME TO TORONTO

Toronto is the capital city of the province of Ontario in Canada. It is also the largest city in both Ontario and Canada. Found on the northwest side of Lake Ontario, the City of Toronto has a population of over 3 million people and even more people live in the regions around it. All together, the Greater Toronto Area is home to over 6 million people making it the biggest metropolitan area in Canada.





Toronto is a prominent centre for music, theatre, motion picture production, and television production,[30] and is home to the headquarters of Canada's major national broadcast networks and media outlets. Its varied cultural institutions, which include numerous museums and galleries, festivals and public events, entertainment districts, national historic sites, and sports activities, attract over 25 million tourists each year. Toronto is known for its many skyscrapers and high-rise buildings, in particular the tallest free-standing structure in the Western Hemisphere, the CN Tower.

The city is home to the Toronto Stock Exchange, the headquarters of Canada's five largest banks, and the headquarters of many large Canadian and multinational corporations. Its economy is highly diversified with strengths in technology, design, financial services, life sciences, education, arts, fashion, business services, environmental innovation, food services, and tourism.

Toronto theatre and performing arts scene has more than fifty ballet and dance companies, six opera companies, two symphony orchestras and a host of theatres. The city is home to the National Ballet of Canada, the Canadian Opera Company, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the Canadian Electronic Ensemble, and the Canadian Stage Company. Notable performance venues include the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, Roy Thomson Hall, the Princess of Wales Theatre, the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Massey Hall, the Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts



NATIONAL YACHT CLUB

National Yacht Club boasts a long and successful history, full of tradition, and helped shape the Toronto waterfront as we know it today. The club was established in 1890 with the first clubhouse on the west side of the Queens Quay Wharf. In 1904 it was moved to a more protected area on the east side of the wharf - currently the site of the old Loblaws (N.E. of warehouse corner Bathurst and Lakeshore). The National Yacht Club was constructed for the Sea Fleas making National Yacht Club a centre for powerboat racers. The original name of the club was the National Yacht and Skiff Club, but in 1947 new Letters of Patent were granted for the current name of National Yacht Club. Making a big mark on the current waterfront, first the Federal Government constructed the steel wall to give added protection to the basin in 1950. Then in 1983 the Toronto Harbour Commission proposed a new landfill site for National Yacht Club with a new 50 year lease, creating the strip of land the clubhouse sits on today. By 1988 the new clubhouse which exists today opened to great celebration.





The clubhouse and docks have undergone many renovations and upgrades since opening including expansion of docks between 1999-2001, renovations to the chart room in 2003 and the installation of an elevator to service second floor dining room two years later. The second floor restaurant received a complete renovation, re-opening in March 2008 to rave reviews. Over the past twenty years National Yacht Club has become known in the racing community through hosting events such as LYRA, the 1999 Mobility Cup, several NOOD Regattas (co-hosted with RCYC) and the annual C&C Owners Regatta, 2016 J80 North Americans and 2017 Melges24 Canadians. National Yacht Club has also always been involved in supporting a number of community-oriented programs like the Sea Scouts, the University of Toronto Sailing Team and the Broad Reach Foundation for Youth by providing location for program activities.

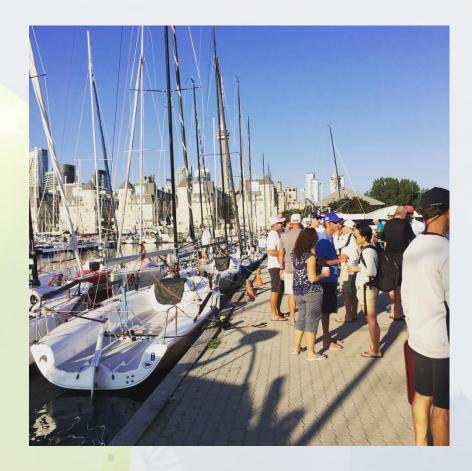
REGATTA ORGANIZATION

The Organizing Authority consists of volunteer members of the National Yacht Club, including active members of the local Melges 24 fleet. The club will yet to decide on the Regatta Chair, and the position will likely will split between the two individuals with one responsible for the regatta logistics and the second one taking care of the sponsorship, advertising and media. Our Principal Race Officer will be David Sprague who not only has substantial race management experience and qualifications but also was the PRO for the 2017 Canadian National Championship.

The club has a full complement of race management boats and equipment as well as plenty of experienced volunteer personnel.

We anticipate a fleet of 35 - 50 boats based on the turnout in the past events. We anticipate an entry fee of C\$550 - 650 and if successful in being awarded the event will prepare a full budget at the 2 year horizon as required by the IM24CA Event Regulations.

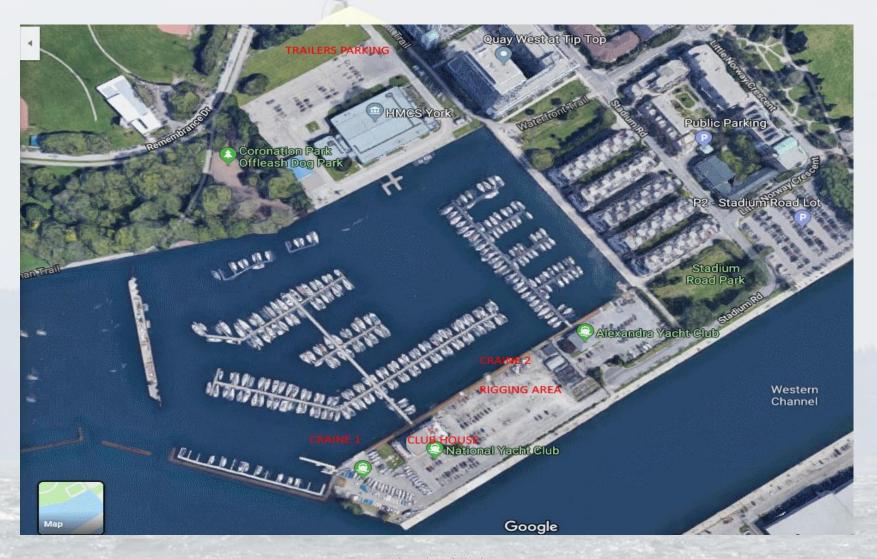
The boats will be launched at the National Yacht Club where 2 cranes are available. The trailers will be stored in a nearby secure parking lot. The dockage will be provided in the National Yacht Club. The daily regatta activities will be hosted either on the club's veranda or in the ground floor dining room. There is ample parking available at the Canadian Forces base near the club. The showers and the changing facilities are available at the club.



We will work with local and regional fleets in addition to CM24CA/USM24CA to make available as many charter boats as possible to encourage participation from abroad.

There are several chandleries, sail lofts and boat repair yards in the Great Toronto area.

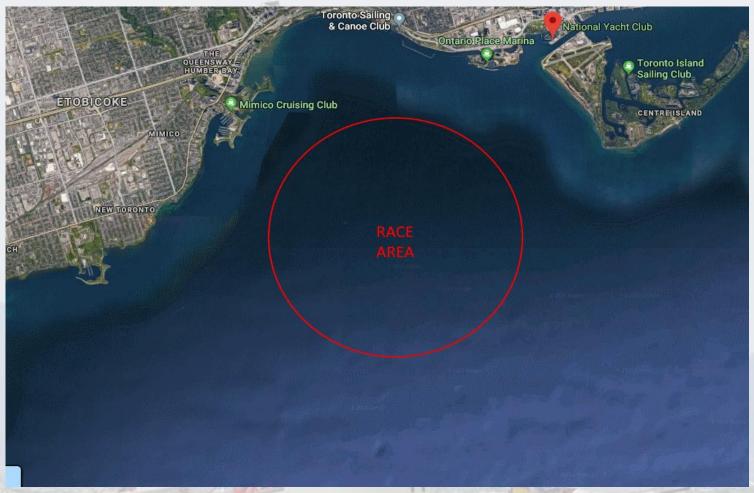
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RACE AREA



The race area is Lake Ontario's Humber Bay, about one nautical mile South West of the National Yacht Club, off the Toronto waterfront.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Below is the proposed schedule of events with the dates specifically selected to maximize probability of favourable winds, avoid conflict with other local racing events and ensure venue availability. The Organizing Authority is prepared to consider other dates if absolutely required by the IM24CA to avoid international scheduling conflicts in an effort to maximize participation.

Wednesday, September 15th

Launching, Registration / Measurement

Thursday, September 16th

Launching, Registration / Measurement, Practice Race

Friday, September 17th

Opening Ceremony, Racing, Post Race Social & Daily Prize Giving

Saturday, September 18th

Racing, Post Race Social & Daily Prize Giving

Sunday, September 19th

Racing, Prize Giving & Closing Ceremonies

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